

<u>Incident Name:</u> COVID-19 Public Health Response	End of Day Summary- Public Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Operational Summary 10/08/2020	<u>Incident Start:</u> March 6, 2020
<u>Agency Reporting:</u> Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services	<u>Incident Commander:</u> Stephanie Browning, Director Scott Clardy, Assistant Director	<u>Prepared By:</u> Rebecca Estes, Senior Planner Chrystal Smart, EPHS
Summarized Operational Time Period:	8:00 AM on 10/08/2020 to 5:00 PM on 10/08/2020	

Incident Definition: Response to emerging Novel Corona Virus, now known as COVID-19. This includes-

- Addressing general public concerns regarding COVID-19
- Providing guidance to stakeholders regarding COVID-19
- Provide surveillance of COVID-19 in community
- Provide case investigation and contact tracing for instances of COVID 19.

Summary of COVID Cases

# of Positive COVID Cases in MO	# of Positive COVID Cases in Boone
	Current: 316
Deaths: 2,259	Released from Isolation: 4,751
Total: 137,156	Deaths: 12
	Total: 5,079

Statistic Charts can be found at:

<http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6>

Operations Report

Significant Events from Operational Period:

- Worked with nursing staff regarding delivery services, social services, and testing plans.
- Updated and approved COVID testing protocol.
- Reviewed mass COVID-19 vaccination plan provided by the State DHSS.
- Staff worked together to develop a streamline process for death certificates.
- PHHS leadership met with other metro area LPHAs to discuss findings in their own COVID response experiences.
- Worked with community sponsors regarding financial assistance to prevent utility shut-offs for citizens in need.
- Prepared a process for assisting patients with COVID testing transportation to reduce number of emails being sent for last resort testing.
- Prepared and approved a “definition” of close contact that references CDC guidance to be referenced when determining individuals who should be placed in to quarantine.
- On-boarded new health educators.
- Prepared a canned response to send questions in an email for COVID testing.
- Continued case and contact investigations.

Media Briefing

COVID-19 News

- [Dr. Fauci predicts US could have 300-400k deaths from COVID-19 if proper precautions are not enforced and followed](#)
- [Families of COVID-19 victims slam the President's downplaying of his diagnosis](#)
- [What do we know about superspreader events in the pandemic?](#) Most of the spread of the coronavirus has been linked to superspreader events, where one person infects a large number of people.

- [Tracker: Key Trump Contacts Who Have Tested Positive for Coronavirus](#)
- [Hospitals That Don't Report COVID-19 Data Daily Will Get Warning Letter](#)
- [Getting Health Care was Already Tough in Rural Areas. The Pandemic Has Made it Worse](#)
- [Homeless Families Struggle with Impossible Choices As School Closures Continue](#)

Local Media

Tribune- [Superintendent of CPS recommends 4 days in person](#)

KRCG- [Trump "feeling great" after COVID treatment, remains symptom free for over 24 hours](#)

[Missourians no longer eligible for extended unemployment benefits](#)

[Wisconsin activates field hospital as COVID keeps surging](#)

Missourian- [Many beloved Missouri annual fall events carry on](#)

[Director suggests holding off on disconnecting city utilities](#)

KOMU- [Wednesday COVID-19 Coverage: Linn High School conducts hybrid learning until Oct. 16](#)

[Columbia Public Schools could start in-person learning in phases starting in two weeks](#)

[Contract Tracers struggle with getting people to answer calls](#)

KMIZ- [Wednesday Updates: Missouri COVID-19 hospitalizations reach a new high](#)

[Mizzou v. LSU: moved to Columbia due to Hurricane Delta](#)

[CPS proposed 4 day plan would not allow for social distancing](#)

[New White House Red Zone Report shows some improvement for Missouri](#)

[Gov. Parson to hold COVID-19 briefing; Missouri spends \\$1 million on coronavirus testing machines](#)

Local Chatter

- Concern about lack of social distancing enforcement with Columbia Public Schools reopening
- Discussion about Europe enforcing strict guidelines when cases surge recently, compared to the United States that has been slow to respond

Situation Summary:

COVID 19 has reached global transmission.

- Risk Assessment for travel:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>
- All 50 states, The District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands have reported cases of COVID-19.
- 27 states report more than 40,000 cases of COVID-19
- For case information by state follow this link:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#reporting-cases>

CDC has begun recommending all individuals wear facemasks to reduce the chance of transmission while out in public as of 4/3/2020. Children under the age of 2 should not wear masks because of suffocation risk.

More than half of the states in the United States have issued state wide mask mandates.

The CDC has updated guidance to change when isolation should end for a positive case of COVID 19, now reflecting one day free of fever and an improvement in symptoms. Isolation should end 10 days after symptoms have started. Links for this updated guidance can be found:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

US travelers are banned from visiting: EU, Bahamas, China, Mexico, Canada, New Zealand and Japan

At Risk Population: Older Adults (60 years of age or older), People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and People with Chronic Health Conditions (Heart Disease, Lung Disease or Asthma, Diabetes, People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment, or people who are severely obese)

State Information:

Missouri Governor Parson declared a State Emergency on March 13, 2020 to make state resources available to local jurisdictions and activate certain authorities.

- A total 137,156 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 2,259 of those cases have died.
- A list of cases reported by county can be found The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services operates a website reporting reported cases of COVID 19 in Missouri at:
<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/results.php>

Missouri's Governor Announced that on June 22 all stay all state restrictions will be lifted, but social distancing is still recommended:

<https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-announces-missouri-will-fully-reopen-enter-phase-2-recovery>

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released updated guidance regarding COVID 19 mitigation in schools on September 4, 2020.

- <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/updated-joint-guidance-regarding-mitigation-in-schools.pdf>

State Lab COVID 19 Testing:

- State Criteria for Testing Approval:
<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/pdf/mo-pui-guidance.pdf>
- Additional classifications for Missouri State Public Health Lab testing:
<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/pdf/covid-19-testing-expanded-for-lphas.pdf>

MoDHSS hotline staffed by medical professionals: 877-435-8411

City/County Information:

On March 16, 2020 the City of Columbia declared a state of emergency within the city to respond to COVID-19. The resolution includes calling for proactive measures to protect the public health, safety and welfare; expressing support for and calling upon City Manager John Glascock and Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning to enact regulations to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

- Columbia/Boone County hosts an information hub on COVID Cases that have been identified in the county, as well as information about the catchment area cases that the hospitals serve
- <http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6>
- There are 5,079 confirmed cases in Boone County, 12 patients passed away, and 4,751 have recovered from the COVID 19 illness.

Columbia and Boone County issued revised Public Health Orders for Social Distancing to begin on September 18 and continue until another Public Health Order is issued or expire on October 6, they can be found at:

City:

<https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/Health-Order-2020-12-City-of-Columbia-10-1-20.pdf>

County:

<https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/health-order-2020-12C-Boone-County-10-1-20.pdf>

Columbia City Council Passed Mask Ordinance that will go into effect at 5:00 PM on July 10, 2020. It can be found:

<https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/B168-20A-AKA-Face-Mask-Ordinance.pdf>

Boone County Office of Emergency Management opened a virtual EOC on 3/17/2020 to facilitate the coordination of efforts and resources to keep Boone County safe during COVID-19 response efforts.

Columbia Public Schools updated their start date for the 2020/2021 school year to begin after Labor Day.

The City of Columbia Neighborhood Services, in their role as Volunteer Coordination of the Boone Emergency Response Plan, has activated a COVID 19 Volunteer webpage, it can be found here: <https://www.como.gov/volunteer/covid/>

The City of Columbia has a dedicated webpage that provides a summary of City of Columbia services as they related to COVID-19 and it can be found here <https://www.como.gov/coronavirus/>

Received waiver from FDA for non-congregate feeding sites, this allows Columbia Public Schools and other children feeding programs to provide meals to children throughout the summer.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19/non-congregate-feeding-nationwide-waiver-extension>

As ESF-6 lead, City of Columbia Division of Human Services has activated a COVID-19 Get Help webpage website to list key human services resources needed during the pandemic: COVID-19 Get Help (<https://www.como.gov/health/gethelp-coronavirus/>).

As ESF-6 lead, City of Columbia Division of Human Services has organized five local funders (City, County, United Way, Community Foundation, and VU Foundation) in a collaborative called ComoHelps (<http://comohelps.org>). Through this collaborative we have consolidated financial donations for the COVID-19 response. Financial contributions are being routed to the Heart of Missouri United Way and the Community Foundation of Central Missouri. Nonprofit and governmental volunteer needs are posted, along with the opportunity for community members to sign up as unaffiliated volunteers for assignment as needed.

ComoHelps also developed a single, joint application for nonprofits to submit requests for funding. This expedites access to support for nonprofits and allows us to coordinate funding used in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ComoHelps collaborative meets daily to review and prioritize requests and to allocate funding. The current focus is on funding services being provided in response to COVID-19. Requests for nonprofit sustainability are being referred to federal CARES Act programs and tabled for later consideration. Because this funding collaborative is so unique, ComoHelps have received grants from state and national foundations.

The University of Missouri hosts a walk up clinic for COVID 19 testing to its MU Students beginning 8/24/2020.

MU Healthcare hosts a drive thru COVID 19 testing site located at 115 Business Loop 70 W. The site hours of operation to Mon-Fri 8 AM to 7 PM, Saturday 8 AM to Noon, and closed on Sundays.

Boone Hospital hosts a drive thru COVID 19 testing site. This site's hours of operation are Mon-Fri 8 AM-4:30 PM, and Saturdays 8 AM to Noon, closed on Sundays.